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HAS THE PRESIDENT THE POWER?

We intelligently believe, and doubt that the President of the United States is made by the Constitution Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy; has the power to do whatever can be done, according to the laws of civilized warfare, to suppress this most wicked rebellion. Nay, more; that under his oath, that he will to the best of his ability, "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States," it is his solemn duty to do it.

If he fails in this, he becomes an imbecile or a traitor, subject to impeachment at the bar of the Senate. That the edict of freedom to three millions of slaves issued by the President does tend to weaken the rebels, and to restore the supremacy of the Constitution over the treasonable States, the rebels themselves have furnished the most convincing testimony. Now, against the common sense, and the common honesty of mankind, see with what base fustian the organ of Jeff. Davis tries to throw doubt upon the powers, and infamy upon the character of President Lincoln. The following, italics and all, is from the *Times* of yesterday:

> *Is there any man in his sober senses who is so lost to all sense of right as to say or believe that there is any authority whatever for the military authority of the President to "proclaim" away twelve hundred millions of dollars' worth of private property?*

But one honest answer can be given to the question, and that answer brands Abraham Lincoln as a usurper.

A lie put in the form of a question or made to take "any other shape," cannot become the truth. No language can do that. Against the mere supposition that "the wise and prudent framers of the constitution" would not put the power into the hands of the President to suppress the rebellion, the fact stands out plain as the light of the sun at noonday, that they actually did grant that power and did make it his solemn duty to enforce it. As commander-in-Chief he must use every means in his power to suppress the rebellion. The Constitution and duty to his country and his God, leave him no choice; if he believes, as he certainly does, that freeing the slaves in the rebel States tends to put down the rebellion, then he must do it.

Notice also the twaddle of the Vermont renegade about "property!" The President has "proclaimed away twelve hundred millions of dollars' worth of *private property*." Was ever impudence more glaring, effrontry more brazen! Have not these traitors forfeited all their property, negroes and all, and to use the language of an eloquent Southern man, "their infernal necks" besides? While the fields of Murfreesboro and Vicksburg are drenched in the blood of our noblest citizens, this emissary of the traitors who have slaughtered them, is prating about their "private property!" It reminds us of the Revolutionary traitor spoken of by Patrick Henry, who amid the joyous shouts of the victory at Yorktown, went about hoarsely bawling, "Beef! beef!!" Amid the shouts of victory, and the gloom [that settles over the homes of our brothers slaughtered at Murfreesboro, Storey is shouting himself hoarse about the niggers of the rebels. *Twelve hundred millions of dollars' worth of niggers!* Private property forsooth! If our government was not the most humane, as well as the strongest government on earth, such blatant treason would meet its reward as quick as lightning could bring the order from Washington.

THE 36th ILL. VOL.—COL. GREUSEL.

This noble regiment has again won the brightest laurels on the bloody field of Murfreesboro. It is a living witness that active field service does not wear out a regiment, if its officers are men of sense and do their duty, half so fast as lying idle in the camp. It may be remembered that it was raised at Aurora, and its officers and men are all citizens of that and the neighboring counties. A writer to the *Beacon* gives the following account of its wanderings and service:

We left Camp Hammond, Aurora, Kane county, Illinois, on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 24, 1861, with 1,133 men. The regiment has been in the service fifteen months, marched 2,900 miles—250 miles by steamboat, 1,050 by railroad, and 1,961 on foot. We have done military duty in five Southern States—Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Tennessee, besides traveling extensively in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

We have been in four severe battles—Pea Ridge, March 6th, 7th, and 8th; company A, cavalry at Iuka, Corinth, September, and the regiment at Chaplin Hill, near Perryville, Kentucky, October 8th, 1862. We had twenty-eight men and two commissioned officers killed in battle, and one commissioned officer and died of their wounds. Twenty-two men have died in our regimental hospital under care of our own surgeons and nurses; sixteen have died in general and post hospitals, three have died at home while absent from the regiment on furlough, making forty-three in the regiment from all causes since it left Aurora, sixty-nine.

And again, at the fearful struggle of Murfreesboro, this splendid regiment, side by side with our own 88th, (Second Board of Trade,) won immortal honor. They showed themselves among the bravest of the brave, and have earned a name which history will ever cherish.

And right here we have a word to say for their gallant Colonel, N. Greusel. His regiment owes much of its efficiency and success to his care and superior military knowledge and experience. From the first battle at Pea Ridge he distinguished himself, and earned then and there a Brigadier General's star. If we mistake not, he was ruled out because the list was full. He commanded for a long time the brigade of which his regiment formed a part, till just previous to the battle of Murfreesboro, when the lamented Gen. Sill was assigned to it. In every characteristic which goes to form a brave and successful officer, Col. Greusel stands pre-eminent. He has won his stars. We hope President Lincoln will at once award them.

AID AND COMFORT TO THE ENEMY.

The situation of the Copperhead portion of the Democrats at the present time is a very peculiar one. All political parties have, of course, sought support in all parts of the country; but the Democrats have always been the most successful in getting votes in the Southern States. Since the dissolution of the Whig party, in 1854, nearly all of the slave States have been Democratic. South Carolina always was. Acting in concert, politically, with the most ultra slaveholders, it became necessary for Northern Democrats to say nothing against slavery, to denounce those who did, and to become its apologists, if not its defenders. If their Southern allies threatened rebellion, they could not reprove them, but used this very traitorous and rebellious threat for the purpose of chastising Northern men. They have been in this position for many years, and their editors, orators, and prominent men had become committed over and over again. At the last Presidential election, the Democrats and all the slaveholders were opposed to the party now in power, and of course were charged at the outset. Speaking politically, the Administration party was their enemy and the slaveholders their allies in the contest. When the taking of Sumter was flashed through the country, the whole North, Democrats and all, were aroused as one man, and for the moment party was forgotten. But as time passed along, the Democratic organization still continuing, their editors still compelled to write for their party, and local elections, with their prizes of office, still recurring, to secure which a party rallying cry was necessary, the Democrats settled back into their old fixed habits of thought and action. Since the organization of the government, although extreme party spirit may have been injurious, yet there was no time before when it endangered the very existence of the nation; but that could result by the result now, it seems to us, that no man can well deny. The main object of the present Administration is to save the existence of the nation, and to do that is the whole of the argument, it may be considered by some. All opposition to the Administration that is opposition to putting down the rebellion. The rebels oppose it by arms, and by denunciation or argument; the Northern Democrats in the same way, except the arms. The London *Times* does not speak more disparagingly of our cause, or denounces the Administration more severely than do the Democratic editors; nor does Jeff. Davis complain more bitterly of the proclamation than they do. The rebels are seeking to induce foreign nations to make war upon us and destroy us; and the bogus Democrats, unwittingly perhaps, are aiding in the same thing. The rebels are seeking to divide us, and proposed in their Congress to gain an alliance with the Northwestern States, and the Democrats, by throwing out slurs against New England, are aiding in this very attempt. Our Government is a people's Government. The Administration can do nothing without the confidence and support of the people. The Democrats are working incessantly to undermine this support. Are they not committing suicide? Can they not see that a crisis exists where patriotism must take the place of partisanship, or all will be lost?

GOVERNOR RAMSEY.

Alexander Ramsey was elected United States Senator by the Legislature of Minnesota on Wednesday last. Without making any comparisons to the disparagement of the other candidates, it is simply just to Gov. Ramsey, to say that it will be a source of congratulation to the whole country that a gentleman so eminent for his patriotic devotion to principle, so able, so wise, and so good a man has been chosen to represent the noble young State of Minnesota in the council halls of the nation. He is one of the men on whom the country in her darkest hours can rely with the most unflinching confidence. He at least will never desert her.

☞ Estimating the present issues of the banks at $300,000,000 and the profits on circulation at six per cent., and we find that the bankers' profits on their debts amount to $18,000,000 per annum. This profit constitutes their reasons against discontinuing the system. They are strong ones, it must be confessed. But look at the "reasons" pecuniary that may be adduced on the other side: In consequence of an excessive issue of paper currency by the banks and the government, gold has advanced to 148 per cent. In other words, a paper dollar, whether issued by the banks or government, is at this moment worth but sixty-eight cents in coin or property. The present currency of the country exceeds $400,000,000, and on which the people have suffered a loss of thirty-two cents on each dollar, or $128,000,000 in the aggregate, and every further fall of one per cent. is a dead loss of $4,000,000 more. In order, therefore, that a class of persons with especial privileges may draw from the people $12,000,000 of interest on their due bills, called bank notes, the public are obliged to pay the tremendous loss of $128,000,000 on the circulating medium. If the $200,000,000 of bank notes were retired within the next thirty days, and no more greenbacks were emitted, gold would go down almost, if not entirely, to par. In other words, the legal tender notes would rise in value until they approached the gold standard. It is true the special privilege gentlemen would lose some of their gains, but the people would recover $128,000,000 of their money. Why does Congress hesitate to impose a tax on bank issues? Which do they represent, the shinplaster shops or the people?

"Arbitrary Arrests."

The Grand Jury of the Court of Oyer and Terminer in New York, during its December term, had the subject of "arbitrary arrests" by the National Administration before it, but immediately dismissed in the case under consideration. For a third time these arrests were brought before the Grand Jury, under the charge of Judge McCunn, on Monday last. Three times happy is the jury, although a staunch Democrat, took a very independent and logical ground upon the subject. He is opposed to bringing it up in this manner and in "these times of trouble and of heated political passions." He reminded the grand jurors that they could only inflict public offices for offences which are alleged to have been committed within the limits of the jurisdiction of that court; and if the offense was not committed here, no indictment could be found at all. He, moreover, advocated giving such cases the widest latitude of a preliminary examination before a proper magistrate, so that the accused might have the benefit of hearing and meeting the witnesses against him, and the privilege of cross-examining them, before being compelled to meet them at the bar of a criminal court.

Endorsing the Proclamation.

The citizens of Polo, Ogle county, held an enthusiastic meeting, on the evening of the 8th, to endorse the President's proclamation of freedom. The Presbyterian church, the largest in town, was filled to overflowing. F. G. Fearis, esq., presided, and J. C. Brown and E. G. Ferris acted as Vice Presidents. Dr. R. S. Hall acted as Secretary. A series of resolutions, fully endorsing the President's proclamation, which we regret we have not room for. The meeting was most ably addressed by Hon. J. V. Eustace of Dixon, and an excellent choir gave some fine music. A collection, amounting to "seventy-five dollars was taken up for the patriotic "boys" in the army.

An "Arbitrary Arrest in Richmond."

—A Tennessee Baptist clergyman named Graves, recently made an extended tour to the North, and then returned to Richmond where he was of course innocent, supposed there would be no harm in publishing the results of his observations. He accordingly did so. His statements were calculated to show that the resources, energy and determination of the North would in the end, notwithstanding present appearances, prove too much for the South. For this he was arrested and sent to prison. It appears that a man must keep his opinions to himself in Richmond if they are unfavorable to the final success of the rebellion. Davis is unwilling that his dupes should know the truth.

☞ The Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser* says it is currently believed in that vicinity that the famous guerilla chief, Morgan, is none other than a fellow named Timothy Fuller, who formerly lived in Erie county, Penn., and was sent thence to the penitentiary for cattle stealing. After serving out his time he went to Kentucky, and changed his name to Morgan. He is in congenial business now.

☞ Cutler, the Independent Democrat elected by the Republicans to the Legislature from Albany county, persistently votes for Dean, the Democratic candidate for Speaker, thereby making a tie and preventing the organization of the House. To show that he misrepresents his constituents we publish the vote of his district, viz: Wadsworth, 2,538; Seymour, 2,520.

☞ Gunpowder made of paper is the latest novelty. A letter from Copenhagen says that the Royal Artillery Board of Denmark has just made successful experiments with the new material. Common packing paper was in the course of ten or fifteen minutes transformed into a very powerful kind of gunpowder, and a number of shots were fired with it.

☞ Parson Brownlow addressed the workingmen of Louisville, Ky., last evening. He has also been invited by distinguished members of the Kentucky Legislature to deliver an address in Frankfort, to which he has assented.

☞ In the Jefferson county (Ky.) Circuit Court, on Monday, the case of Gen. Jefferson C. Davis for manslaughter, (in killing Gen. Nelson) was continued until the next term.

☞ The statement that Col. Bake, of the 7th Indiana, was killed at the battle of Murfreesboro, is a mistake. He was not hurt. This we have from the Lieut. Col. of the regiment.

Battle of Parker's Cross Roads.

The following is a list of casualties to the 7th Wisconsin regiment in the battle of Parker's Cross Roads, Dec. 31, 1862:

Killed—Sergt. John J. Marsden, Sergt. Alfred Wadsworth, Geo. Fox, Chas. Hayes.

Wounded—Lieut. Reuben Hays, in hip; Corp. John Graham, slightly; Lewis Cheney, slightly; Sergt. Wm. Hilliker, in leg; R. P. Bertch, Andrew J. Wright, leg; Charles Beardsley, head; Orville Fenton, arm; Corporal Stewart, Minor Thompson, William Hilliker, George McGreen, Andrew Hilliker, Charles Cheney, Andrew Cheney, John Riley, Charles Gammon, Edward Bennett, Richard Bloomer, Lieut. O. S. Gaston, Com'y Battery.

VALLANDIGHAM ON THE UNION.

How He Would go to Work to Restore the Union.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CINCINNATI, Saturday evening, Jan. 10, 1863.

The following portion of our Washington special dispatch of Wednesday evening will be found interesting. Mr. Vallandigham spoke in the House on that day, our report proceeds to remark:

As no debate of such significance has occurred for a long time, and as a wrong report went West, or one likely to be too meagre to be satisfactory, it is thought worth the heavy expense of transmitting very full abstracts by special dispatch. The following is a full, faithful synopsis of Vallandigham's very remarkable speech, delivered to-day.

After reviewing briefly the efforts to compromise at the session of 1860-61, and the beginning of the war, and the scenes that followed, his own position and the failure of the war, he next proceeded to consider the question—"Can the Union of these States be yet restored, and how can it be done?" He maintained that restoration was not only possible, but inevitable, unless defeated by the deliberate folly and wickedness of the public men and the people. He argued the question at length, from history, citing many examples. He insisted that physical means all tended to that. There was no radical difference in the views here to prevent it; that all the original causes which led to union—common descent, consanguinity, language, manners, laws, defenses, interest and the domestic tranquility, all existed in full force yet. Some of them were much stronger now than at first, and further that artificial causes had sprung up since—works of improvement, multiplying travel, trade, migration and intercourse—and certain less material but equally strong ties—common history, national republican songs, battle fields. He maintained also that the causes which led to disunion were not eternal and ineradical, and were weaker than those which tended to reunion; that slavery was not the cause, but only the development of the cause—sectionalism; that there is no irrepressible conflict between slave labor and free labor, the slaveholding and the non-slaveholding States; that the fundamental idea of the Constitution is the perfect and eternal compatibility of a union of States, part slave and part free; and that such a union was in fact the strongest of all popular governments. He contended that nothing keeps us apart now excepting hate, antagonism and revenge, and that war heats these passions seven times hotter, and that while it lasts, reunion cannot commence. He insisted that prejudices should be overcome. He explained the origin of the jealousies between New England and the South, tracing them to difference of manners, habits and social life, and different ideas of religion, morals and politics. He rejected the idea of excluding New England, and insisted there was now a large Puritan and conservative element in New England, which would of itself overcome the new and extreme. He referred to Roger Williams as the founder of a New England civilization, different from that of the Mayflower and Plymouth Rock. He next maintained that New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania could not separate from the South, nor the South from the North. He spoke of the geographic tie which bound them together. He said the Northwest would never consent to the dissolution, and that they which divided the slaveholding from the non-slaveholding States would separate from the South, not from the North. He argued that the Constitution was the best ever framed by man, and that the Union was the best government ever devised by man. He said that there was no cause for coming war, except slavery, and that was gone forever. That subject as a political element, must cease. We must retain it as a historical recollection, and as a past question for fifty years ago—the three-fifths rule, speedy and ready return of fugitive slaves; unanswerable arguments against the temporary sojourning of masters with their slaves in the free States. This was the price of the Union, and the North was not willing to pay it now; finally declare for peace and the Union, and the South would recover $128,000,000 of their money. Why does Congress hesitate to impose a tax on bank issues? Which do they represent, the shinplaster shops or the people?

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THE MURFREESBORO FIGHT.

Official Account of the Part Taken in the Fight by the 36th Illinois Regiment.

HEADQUARTERS 36TH ILLINOIS INFANTRY, CAMP NEAR MURFREESBORO, TENN., Jan. 4, 1863.

Capt. Carl Schaefer, A. A. G.:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the part taken by this regiment in the series of engagements between the Federal and rebel forces, near Murfreesboro, Tenn., and upon the approaches, commencing on December 26, 1862, and closing on Sunday, the 4th inst., when the latter under Gen. Bragg were defeated by the army of Gen. Rosecrans and forced to evacuate all their positions in, and about Murfreesboro.

This regiment left the camp in front of Nashville, with the brigade, on the morning of Dec. 26, and reached the Nolinsville pike, and moving slowly with the column (as the enemy had to be driven by the advance) through Nolinsville, Triune, and along the Murfreesboro and Franklin road, arriving on the night of the 30th at a point about three and a half miles due west from Murfreesboro, where, just after dark, the brigade was put in position on the extreme right of our right wing, about 150 yards in rear of, and at right angles with Kirk's brigade. My regiment was formed in double column, at half distance in rear of the 49th Ohio, which was formed in line fronting south. The 15th Ohio formed in line on my right flank, with battery A, 1st Ohio artillery, near the right flank of the 49th Ohio, and on the left, flank of the 15th Ohio, the 3rd and 5th Indiana regiments being on picket, covering the front of our position, both south and west, thus protecting the rear of Kirk's brigade, and Kirk's brigade of the right wing. In this position my men bivouacked, without fires, for the night. At half past 4 o'clock on the morning of December 31st, rapid firing of musketry was heard on Kirk's front, which was almost instantly followed by the men of his brigade rushing in confusion and indiscriminately through our ranks, and over my men, closely followed by a heavy column of rebel infantry. The enemy's fire being very heavy and severe upon us, and the large number of fugitives passing through and covering my front, together with peremptory orders communicated to regiment commanders in his brigade by Gen. Willich the night previous, made it impossible for me to make a deployment, or otherwise advantageously change my position. To protect my men as much as possible from the enemy's fire, I ordered them to lie down. In that position they remained, without confusion, until my left wing was cleared of fugitives, and the enemy within fifty yards of my position, when I ordered that wing to fire, which, was done with good effect, the whole line of leading column of rebels falling. Having received no orders as yet, and seeing the other regiments of the brigade falling back, I gave the order to retire, by the right flank on double quick, which was done (but with some confusion) to a knoll about half a mile in a northwesterly direction, where I placed Capts. Willett, Whiting and Comstock and Lieut. Wells' companies, in a very good position. But few of our shots were wasted, the colors of the leading column of the enemy again falling under our fire, the line being closely pressed, I ordered these companies to retire on the same line of direction to a point on a small creek, about 800 yards distant, where I placed Capts. Brown and Thompson's companies, and opened fire with our rifles, and again dislodged them. Capt. Bowen gradually following. Following the line of creek, I again crossed to a point some 500 yards southeast of the 2d division hospital, where, in an open field, I found a portion of the 49th and 15th Ohio, and 3rd Indiana regiments. The enemy's cavalry appearing in large forces on our right, and their infantry approaching on our left flank, threatening to cut us off, I moved the field back (the enemy still closely following in a northeasterly direction, to a position in the woods on the south side of "Wilkinson Pike," and about one mile from the hospitals of the 1st (Gen. Davis') and 2d (Gen. Johnson's) divisions—a position from which I could not be driven. Here an open field intervened the ranks, and partially checked the advance of the rebels closely pressing columns. As my regiment was informed of the fate of Gen. Willich, and Col. Gibson, the next senior officer, the command of the brigade was assumed by Col. Gibson, of the 15th Ohio. The valiant efforts (to me unknown) which were formed upon the right and left flanks of our brigade having retired in the confusion to orders, I formed my regiment in line and in good order, making several stands in the same woods—with the balance of the brigade to a point near the right of Gen. Rosecrans' division, where I was ordered by Gen. Johnson to take position on a ridge in a cedar grove, with what about 5 p. m., our infantry came falling back from the pine wood in front direction, when our battalions were again engaged and fought at once into action. The approach of the enemy was parallel instead of perpendicular to our front, and when the line arrived within about 300 yards, we opened upon his first line and column of reserves an enfilade fire of canister. The attempt to turn our regiment, after a few moments, then an effort to change front was followed by a feeble charge upon the battalion, which upon being repulsed, the enemy fell back beyond our view. He reappeared shortly afterward to our left, but again, upon receiving our fire, fell back, and a portion of our line occupied the position.

I then took position upon the slight elevation nearer the pike in season to assist in checking the enemy's advance upon Gen. Rosecrans's position, after which both batteries changed front and opened fire by order of Gen. Rosecrans, upon the broken masses to co-operate with Col. Hazen's brigade, so soon as I believed the enemy disrupted from this position. Regiments were moved to the front and directed upon his infantry, advancing into the cedar woods formerly held by Gen. Palmer's division. The enemy meanwhile, directed one of his batteries upon us, but I did not think it proper to reply so long as our ammunition could be used with better effect upon his infantry. At about 12 M., just as I had nearly given out of ammunition, I received orders from Capt. Mendenhall to retire.

At about 4 o'clock, I moved to the front by order of Gen. Palmer, and from the elevation on the right side of the railroad, opened upon the enemy's infantry. His advance was effectually checked and at sunset I was ordered to retire and rest. At daylight of January 1st, we moved to position on Gen. Rousseau's front, where I was ordered by Gen. Rosecrans. Except for the fire of the enemy's sharpshooters whom we dispersed at intervals by firing spherical case, we were not actually engaged during the day, and at night retired to a position near the pike, where our horses were fed and watered.

Early on the night and next morning I was ordered by different officers to resume my previous position. I was obliged to decline obeying these orders, owing to those I had previously received directing me to hold and to await his own. The position in which I was placed from the conflict of orders, was exceedingly painful, but I preferred myself justified by subsequent events.

At about 6 o'clock in the afternoon of the 2d inst., I was ordered to take my position by Capt. Mendenhall, on an elevation near Negley's division, two of the enemies batteries opened upon us from our front, while a third gave signal for his last attack upon our left. I advanced the four rifles, holding my own fire until the enemy's forces were near. The batteries around me were silenced far two hours, when, upon receiving information that an artillery demonstration from the left wing to support Negley's division, would be commenced, I commenced shelling the enemy's rifle pits beyond the brick house, at the same time, elevating the range of our rifles, in order, if possible, to awaken the enemy's batteries. The latter effort was successful, but after exchanging a few shots, during which but one of my men was wounded, the enemy's fire was silenced. I notified that our position was at an end, and received an unanimous shout of approval. It must be recognized that we have been longer, and in general more closely engaged than the other divisions of the army, and that nearly all our ammunition was expended at close range.

The following are our list of casualties, &c.:

Number of men killed	3
" " wounded	14
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" horses killed	10
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Disregarding all personal exposure, under all circumstances, and especially during the hottest fires of December 31st and 2d inst., the gallant officers discharged their duty with such coolness and fidelity that they deserve my most grateful mention.

I am also under obligations for the most generous appreciation which has been freely offered them by the troops with whom they fought, and the kind consideration during the division in which they serve.

I am, Captain, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CHAS. G. HOUGHTALING,
First Lieutenant 4th United States Artillery,
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OUR SPRINGFIELD LETTER.

Reception Tendered Governor Yates—Attempted Secret Session—Senate Proceedings—Appointment of Commissioners of Homestead—Convention of the Chicago City Charter.

[Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 14, 1863.

EXCITEMENT COOLED DOWN.

"To the storm succeeds the calm." The late vaporing and Texasitelings are heard no more. The late excitement was evidently too strong to last. The truth is, however, the remonstrances of the people came in so thick and fast, that the radicals became alarmed; the leaders of the party went amongst them and counseled moderation, and finally succeeded in cooling down the ardor of the most crazy of the revolutionary factions. To-day every thing is quiet, and unless something extraordinary happens, will probably remain so.

ATTACKING THE GREEN BACKS.

It is noticeable that in the debate to-day on the Judge's Five Bill, a number of the Democrats attacked the greenbacks as worthless, and said the country was financially ruined; that the credit of the country would never be worth anything till the old state of things was restored. No doubt moaning the Democratic party in power, and slavery made fashional.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

Petition from Wilson and other members of the bar, praying in the District of Judge Isaac G. Wilson, praying for the removal of the latter. Referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Senators Dummer, Vandever, and Lansing.

By Mason: Resolution passed to request Treasurers to report the amount of money on hand, and the different sources from which the same has been received.

By Grierson: Resolution to request the Governor to intercede with the War Department for the City of Cairo, where the United States Provost Marshal has collected, and now keeps money due the City for grocery licenses. Passed unanimously.

A bill was passed to extend the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace to all cases against Railroad Companies, where the amount in controversy does not exceed the sum of $100; a summons left with the nearest Station Agent to be sufficient notice.

The bill passed ratifying the amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted by Congress in 1861, "(All Democrats voting in the affirmative and the following Republicans: Peters and Dummer.

HOUSE.

The House went in at 2 o'clock. The speaker ruled that the orders for the morning hour were carried forward by the adjournment till 4 o'clock.

He also laid before the House a communication from the Warden of the State prison at Joliet, informing the General Assembly to visit that institution on Friday next. A resolution was introduced accepting the invitation and appointing Friday the 23d inst., and passed. A similar resolution was sent to the Senate.

The Judiciary Committee reported a bill requiring litigants to pay docket fees to the Judges of the Circuit and Supreme Court in this State, exception Cook and Lake counties. The bill was opposed by many Democrats, and was advocated by some of the ablest members on that side of the house. It was noticeable that those who opposed the docket fee thought that the salaries of the Judges should be paid in gold, as the greenbacks, they said, are mere worthless rags. In fact, the way it appeared to have been carried on on the one side by those who believe the country gone past recovery, and those who do not. Finally the bill passed, and having passed the Senate, is now a law, all but the Governor's signature. There will be much congratulation in the Supreme Court upon its passage.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE.

The following are the Standing Committees of the House:

Judiciary—Barr, Wheat, Haines, Fuller, Underwood, Newport, Lake, Keyes, Smith of Marion, Hunter, Fuller, Graham, Gage, Howe, Watkins, Noble, Boyer, Shumway.

Elections—Washburn, Davis, Church, Lawrence, Ryder, Wakeman, Dougherty, Hedges, Pope, Militia—Conger, Turner, Gale, Sharp, Smith of Cass, Brenton, Hopkins, Wike, Tee Brook.

Internal Improvements—Morrison, Busey, Ginther, Miles, Smith of Whiteside, Witt, Tenny, Wike.

Canal and Canal Lands—Shope, Boyer, Lacy, Eastman, English, Gibson, Wenger, Thomas, Newport.

Education—Morrill, Miller, Wheat, Sedgwick, Barnett, Hayes, Doolittle, Hedges, Lacy.

Public Accounts and Expenditures—Morrill, Boyer, Elder, Witt, Gage, Burr, Chapman, Keyes, Waldo.

Penitentiary—Boyer, Gibson, Church, Mann, O'Brien, Smith of Whiteside, Hicks, Chapman, Wike.

Manufactures and Agriculture—Reid, Gerrard, Bates, Hooper & Co., Laflin, Williams, Sharon, Throop.

Roads—Graham, Reid, Burchard, Goodell, Wescott, Hoge, Green, Cochran, Sharon, Mann.

Public Buildings and Public Grounds—Keyes, Fuller, Dougherty, Fuller, Harris, Springer, Dent of Lasalle.

State Bonds—Barnett, Odell, Wakeman, Tenny, McDaniel, Gale, Black, Reed, English.

Counties—Smith of Union, Reid, Ginther, Holycke, Shope, Gibson, Mann, Reed, Newport.

Banks and Corporations—Wheat, Fuller, Haines, Ruesy, Morrill, Lay, Burr, Elder, Monroe.

Retrenchment—Fuller, Wakeman, Smith, Green, Lacy, Gerard, Roesler, Harris, Lake.

Claims—Reid, Barnett, Dent of Putnam, Wescott, Goodell, Burchard, English, Sharp, Thomas, Cook, Potter.

Federal Relations—Wilkin, Ten Brook, Lawrence, Vandewoker, Hicks, Graham, Washburn, Shope, Newport.

State Library—Walker, Holgate, Eastman, Lake, O'Brien, Kistler, Cabeen, Cook, Sedgwick.

Mines and Mining—Kistler, Hall, Sharon, Throop, Black, Menard, Church, Smith of Whiteside, McCase, Wenger.

Swamp and Overflowed Lands—Turner, Heard, Harris, Wakeman, Sharon, Williams, Lay, Howe, Merritt.

State Institutions—Springer, Kistler, Goodell, Thomas, Eastman, Cabeen, Miller, Ecker, Hicks.

Township Organization—Cook, Dent of Putnam, Haines, Gale, Daugherty, Odell, Underwood, Springer, Sharon.

Agricultural Survey—Miller, Miles, Davis, Walker, Noble, Barnard, Green, Kistler, Merritt.

Printing—Spicer, Haines, Gage, Busey, Chapman, Miles, Turner, Burchard.

CORRECTION.

In my letter in this morning's TRIBUNE, Mr. Lansing's name is down as voting for Richardson for Senator. This is not so. Mr. Lansing voted for Gov. Yates.

THE CHICAGO CITY CHARTER.

With this I send you a copy of the new city charter for Chicago. It is the only one I have seen here. They appear to be kept secret. It will be noted that there is no provision for its submission to the people. This the Democratic members of the Legislature will insist upon having inserted. The following are a few points in addition to those already published by you:

CHAPTER 24.

Sec. 11. Board of Education to consist of fifteen school inspectors, to be elected by the Common Council; divided into three classes of five members each; to vacate their seats, the first class, at end of first, second at end of second, and third at end of third year. The Council to meet on or before the first Monday in June.

Sec. 12. Provides for the appointment of the Recorder, to be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, and to be elected every three years after the first election; their terms expiring as in case of the Board of Education.

Sec. 13. Board of Assessors to consist of three Assessors, who shall be free-holders, to be appointed and removed in office in same manner. They all to have power to increase the number.

Sec. 14. Inspectors to be appointed annually, tax days to be fixed annually by election.

Sec. 15. All bridge tenders, bridewell and work house keepers, etc., to be appointed annually by the Mayor.

Sec. 16. All other officers not provided for to be appointed by the Mayor—by and advice and consent of the Council, biennially.

Ezra.

A Letter from Gen. Hooker.

Willard Spirit publishes an extract from a letter of Gen. Joe Hooker to a friend, in regard to the part he bore in the battle of Fredericksburg. There has been much curiosity on the part of the public to know exactly what share Gen. Hooker took in that unfortunate affair, and how far he was responsible, through consultation with the Commanding General, for the unfortunate method of attack. As Wilkes remarks:

Many correspondents have sought information on this subject, and when Hooker was interrogated by the Committee of the Senate, it was expected the story would come out. The gallant soldier, however, disarmed by the gushing confession of Burnside, merely said, that he had predicted, when moving from Warrenton to Falmouth, that the pontoons would not reach there in time, and had asked permission to cross the Rappahannock at an upper ford, and with three days' rations make a forced march and seize the hills which subsequently fell into their hands, and ruin to our troops. This testimony, though satisfactory to a certain extent, and developing a military instinct of the highest order in Gen. Hooker, did not meet the point about which the General's friends were most concerned, the which was, how far he participated in the movement, and to what degree his military judgment stood responsible for it as an undertaking.

The following is the extract to which we now allude:

You have doubtless heard of our great success upon the Rappahannock. My heart bleeds when I think of it. Our delay in transferring our half of the army from Warrenton to the line of Acquia Creek, enabled the enemy to throw up his defenses, and rendered my success impossible by us with worthy sacrifice and valor. But the plan of assault was one which, in my judgment, must succeed, and was one which, in my judgment, is the reason that I have not been placed in command of the army. Four of my divisions had crossed in full day, in the way of reinforcements, and when it came my turn to cross, I had but two small divisions left, and I was ordered to remain at the identical point which the General-in-command had been battering against for the previous two days, with every available gun, and I thought God that either by word or act was I committed to that mode of attack.

I cannot write more now. What will be the next move, God only knows. Though discouraged, I am not disheartened. In Baltimore, the intelligence daily strikes the fetters off the large number of slaves sent for safety to that city from the Shenandoah Valley. They claim their freedom, and—for reasons that colonizationists understand—their masters and mistresses make no resistance to the claim.

Sudden Death from Fright.

[From the Peoria Transcript, 14th.]

A gentleman informs us of a most heart rending case of death, the result of a frolic, which took place last week in DeKalb Centre. It appears there was a party in the village, which was broken up about midnight of the evening a gentleman in the company by the name of Atwood, thinking to have a little fun, disguised himself in a sheet, with a coal scuttle on his head, and started for the house of the Rev. Mr. Hoot, with the intention of frightening the family. The door was opened by a Mrs. Hoot, wife of Mr. Hoot, who immediately called out to her husband, "Here is a ghost!" and fell upon the floor. Mr. Hoot, upon seeing the ghostly figure before him, fell in a swoon, from which he never recovered, and his unfortunate visitor is a murderer in the eyes of good standing and highly respected.

Commodore Renshaw.

We a few days since announced the sad death of Commodore Renshaw, by the blowing up of the flag-ship Westfield, in Galveston Bay, during the recent sanguinary attack on our fleet posted there.

Wm. B. Renshaw, Acting Commodore of the naval expedition for the capture and secure keeping of Galveston, Texas, was a native and citizen of New York, from which State he was appointed to the navy as a Midshipman on the 23d of December, 1831. On the 19th of June, 1837, he passed the Examining Board and received his warrant as a Passed Midshipman, and was attached to the North Carolina, at the New York navy-yard. On the 8th of September, 1841, he was promoted to a Lieutenancy, and at the commencement of the rebellion was engaged, with that rank, at the naval rendezvous in Cherry street, New York, under Commander Swartwout. He was promoted to be a Commander in 1861, and was ordered to the Ordnance Bureau, at Washington, on special service. He was next transferred to the command of the United States steamer Westfield, under Admiral Farragut, and was by him assigned to the command of the naval expedition fitted out for the capture of Galveston. The gallant act of destroying his vessel, and himself with her, rather than allow her to fall into the hands of the rebels, could only have been beaten by his successfully carrying her out of their reach. He had been thirty-one years in the service of his country, over nineteen of which were spent at sea, about eight on shore and other duty, and the remainder, less than four years, unemployed—including all leaves of absence. His record of services is a good one, and well worthy of imitation.

New Iron Gunboat.

The new iron-clad gunboat Osage was launched at the Union ship yard in Carondolet, (St. Louis,) on Tuesday. The whole affair was a complete success. The Osage is quite different in form, material and principle from any gunboat now on the Western waters. The *Democrat* says of her, she is not properly speaking, an iron-clad, but an actual iron vessel, as the hull and almost everything about her is of that material. She is intended to be supplied with a turret a la Monitor. In consequence of her construction for this mode of fighting, but asmall portion of the body of the vessel will be exposed above the surface of the water, and to inflict damage upon it will almost an impossibility. In case of accident the hull is divided into water tight compartments, which will make the sinking of the boat a very improbable thing. The location and protection of the wheel, and the proposed arrangement and management of the guns are also to be effected in a way we do not propose to describe. They are such, however, as to promise at once great efficiency and security. The Osage is 180 feet long, forty-five broad, four feet in light at the sides, nine feet in the centre—a sloping roof, and has four bullers and two engines, the latter 200 horse power each. The wheel is nineteen feet in diameter and seventeen in thickness, and with the cylinders, will be protected by a turret. The turret at the bow will be twenty feet wide by seven high, and will bear two guns each of eleven inch bore. The Osage is one of the smallest boats being constructed at the Union works, of which there are, we believe, six in all. Some of the others will be much larger. All of them are rapidly progressing towards completion, and will soon be in the water.

A Degrading Profter.—Ex-Governor Price, of New Jersey, in a speech in Bergen, Thursday night, declared himself willing to say to the South:

Come back; you shall have all the guarantees you had before, and if you want more for the institutions in your respective States, you shall have them.

☞ Bishop Rosecrans of the Catholic diocese of Cincinnati, (a brother of General Rosecrans,) lectured at Columbus, Ohio, a day or two ago, giving a "Sketch of the Order of Mercy for the Ransom of Slaves," and describing the "First Emancipation and Anti-Slavery Society."

☞ The Wheeling Intelligencer, having had a pretty thorough experience of secession intriguers and sympathizers, says: "the cry of 'Abolition' won't answer but one purpose, and that it is to tell rebels by. It's a good mark as a cross slit in a hog's ear.

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THE CITY.

Miss Hughes's Concerts.—The second concert of this lady will be given this evening at Bryan Hall. She will be assisted by Mr. Bishop, Mr. Tasistro, and Mr. Swisshelm. The programme is a very attractive one, and we are sorry to see that the audience is not larger.

Concert.—The fifth Philharmonic concert will be given this evening at McVicker's Theatre. The programme is a very attractive one, and we are sorry to see that the audience is not larger.

Oil.—F. J. Lynch, which has been reported to have been destroyed by fire, is still in existence, and is doing a large business.

The Great Rebellion.—Tremendous orders have been received by Col. Cameron to have his regiment ready for the front on Monday.

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Concert.—Jane Clermont, who, at the Chicago daily Times, is sprinkling a few days in the city, and will give one performance on

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FROM MADISON.

GOV. SALOMON'S MESSAGE.

What Wisconsin Has Done for the Union.

HER NOBLE RECORD FOR THE YEAR.

The National Affairs—The Draft Riots, &c.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

MADISON, January 15, 1863.

The Legislature met in joint convention at 2½ o'clock this afternoon, to listen to the message of Governor Salomon, the delivery of which occupied one hour and twenty minutes. The galleries and lobbies were densely crowded by ladies and citizens.

At the organization yesterday Spooner had sixteen votes to fourteen for Clark, for President; Stewart seventeen to fifteen for W. R. Smith for Clerk; Bastord seventeen to fifteen for V. Fernecke for Sergeant-at-Arms. In the Assembly Barber had fifty-two votes to thirty-nine for Speaker; Dean fifty-four to forty-one for S. D. Carpenter for Clerk, and A. M. Thompson fifty-five to forty-one for Wm. Moore for Sergeant-at-Arms.

The concluding portions of the message were warmly applauded.

THE MESSAGE.

The Message is somewhat lengthy, occupying about twelve columns of the *State Journal*. It opens with a statement of the general flourishing condition of the State of to its agriculture, commerce and manufacturing interests, the disturbance of which by the war has been comparatively slight.

STATE FINANCES.

The finances of the State are stated to be in good condition. The balance in the Treasury December 31st, was $291,494.65, of which there was in the General Fund $119,915.67, in the School Fund Income $38,707.71, in the Swamp Land Fund Income $4,153.35; in the War Fund $46,908.35; the balance in unimportant funds. The total amount refunded to the State by the United States for expenditures in raising and equipping troops, including what was credited on the the direct tax due from the State, is $1,019,546.09 leaving due only $105,806.48.

An additional loan is recommended to raise money to pay the aid to volunteers' families.

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.

The enactment of laws enforcing the attendance of children in the public schools is recommended. The condition of the State University is stated to be satisfactory, though, while it is badly crippled pecuniarily. The repayment of what has been charged by the State Treasurer to that fund, is urged as a measure of relief, and the establishment of a military professorship.

STATE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

The different State institutions are said to be in a satisfactory condition, the Deaf and Dumb Asylum having, within the year, eighty-two inmates; the Blind Asylum, fifty; the Insane Asylum 166; the Soldiers' Home, preparatory to the State Reform School, which had seventy-two inmates, is recommended. The number in the State Prison, which has been full, accommodations increased during the year, was, on October 1st, 116, of whom 112 were males, and four females. The estimated expenses for the year are $30,000.

The continuance of work on the capitol extension is urged. A change in the law taxing toll and plank roads is said to be rendered necessary by the decisions of the Supreme Court. An investigation of the affairs of the Fox and Wisconsin River Improvement Company is recommended, and the enlargement of its canal urged as a national work and the cheapest means of connecting the lakes and the Mississippi.

Steps are recommended to be taken to obtain for Wisconsin the benefits of the act of Congress granting land for an Agricultural College in each State.

WISCONSIN AND THE WAR.

The history of the part taken by Wisconsin in furnishing men and in putting down the rebellion, the correspondence with the War Department in regard to volunteering, the quotas of troops and drafting, and the difficulties in the enrollment and drafting of the militia set forth. Wisconsin has at present in the United States service, including three regiments yet within the State, thirty-three regiments of infantry, three of cavalry, two batteries of artillery, one company of cavalry, and one of sharpshooters; and has furnished for those and one three months' service, 37,701 men; recruits for old regiment, 2,155; drafted militia in camp, 795; militia not yet reported, including those considered as deserters, and those yet to be drafted in Manitowoc county, 2,279, leaving a few hundred men yet to be raised in order to fill out the quota of the State under all calls. The losses of Wisconsin troops from all causes are 7,875, the largest part from discharges or desertions.

The draft troubles are thus referred to:

THE DRAFT TROUBLES.

It becomes my painful duty here to mention that serious disturbance took place in one of the counties in this State at the time of the execution of the draft therein. The proceedings of the draft were interrupted by a large and auspicious body of armed men, who destroyed the militia rolls and ballot boxes, drove away and maltreated the commissioner of drafting, demolished his home, injured many other peaceable and law abiding citizens and destroyed the property of many persons who were obnoxious to them. On being advised of these disgraceful proceedings, which bore the appearance of open rebellion, I took prompt measures to restore peace and enforce the draft. A large number of persons, most of them taken while in arms in their hands, were arrested by and turned over to the United States military authorities that they might be dealt with as ordered by the administration of the President of the United States of September 24th, ordering that all persons resisting the draft be arrested by the military and tried by military commission. And I urged immediately and repeatedly upon the President the necessity of enforcing them a speedy trial, as provided by his proclamation. I have entertained no doubt of the power of the President to subject to trial by courts martial men who, as in this case, are charged with openly resisting the proceedings of the draft. They were actually in open rebellion against the government of the United States; they were forcibly resisting regulations lawfully and constitutionally made by the President as Commander-in-Chief of the army, and of the militia of the United States called into active service to suppress insurrection, and their proceedings were insurrectionary in their character.

Should I be mistaken in this, it has been in common with many wiser and true men, and under circumstances of necessity demanding prompt and immediate action, in order to restore quiet, and save greater calamities and disturbance. By bad and designing men the enforcement of the draft in that county had been made so odious, the spirit of resistance had been raised to such a alarming extent, that the civil authorities had not and could not have the slightest control over the armed mob. Of the power of the civil law, there was no fear in the minds of those engaged in violating it; a grand jury could not under the terror in which they would hold public opinion, probably be found to perform their duty for the destruction of property and injury to person; much less that a petit jury could be impaneled to convict any of them. This also shows the necessity of State laws upon the subject of drafting, so that the authority of the State to give binding conscription may not be questioned, and that those who should attempt resistance may be punished under the laws of the State.

The execution of the draft was no enviable duty, but it was one from which I could not shrink without ignoring my duty to the State, the government, and the constitution and laws of the United States. The constitution of the United States gives Congress the power to provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrection and repel invasion. Congress accordingly authorized the President to call forth the militia, or a part of it, for nine months, and to make all "necessary rules and regulations" for enrolling the militia, and "otherwise putting the act into execution." And the President did call it out, made the necessary rules, and required Wisconsin to furnish its number. Laws are made to be executed, not to be avoided and disregarded. I have simply done my duty to the best of my ability, leaving it to the calm judgment of the people to uphold and in its execution against the aspersions of those who, having failed to control the legislative enactments, claim that I am responsible for the hardships arising, in many instances, from the conscription.

An amendment of the militia law, and a organization of the militia enrolled to the number of 197,000, is strongly advocated.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF FUND.

An interesting account is given of the expenditure of $10,888.94 of the $30,000 voted for the relief of our sick and wounded soldiers, and of the good effected by visits to battle fields and hospitals by delegations of physicians and benevolent gentlemen, and by regularly appointed agents. In this connection, thanks is tendered to the many noble aid societies, who have labored to supply the wants of our soldiers, and to the Chicago and St. Louis Sanitary Commissions. The establishment of an hospital within the State, to which our sick and wounded volunteers might be sent, is urged.

THE ALLOTMENT SYSTEM.

The excellent workings of the allotment system are portrayed, and it is stated that up to the 15th of December, 19,667 men had allotted $1,783,820.00 per annum to their families, the allotment of several regiments not yet having been made.

The policy of promotions from the ranks, and from old into newly organized regiments, and the claims of our gallant commanders of regiments for promotion, is urged. An eloquent tribute is paid to Wisconsin dead.

The message closed with the following eloquent, patriotic and thoroughly loyal peroration:

THE CONDITION OF OUR COUNTRY.

It is now almost two years since the rebellion of the Southern States, inaugurated by the election of Abraham Lincoln, broke out in open war against the government of the United States, and it was the assembling of the legislature of this State to provide for the defense of the Union and the enforcement of the laws. Then, as now, the Democratic party was in power in this State, and the Democratic party was in power in the Union. Then, as now, the Democratic party was in power in the Union. Then, as now, the Democratic party was in power in the Union. Then, as now,

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HAS THE PRESIDENT LAID DOWN THE LAW?

No intelligent citizen can doubt that the President of the United States, made by the Constitution Commander-in-Chief of the army and Navy, has the power to do whatever can be done, according to the laws of civilized warfare, to suppress this most wicked rebellion. Nay, more; that under his oath, that he will to the best of his ability, "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States," it is his solemn duty to do it.

If he sells in this, he becomes an imbecile or a traitor, subject to impeachment at the bar of the Senate. That the edict of freedom to three millions of slaves issued by the President does tend to weaken the rebels, and to restore the supremacy of the Constitution over the treasonable States, the rebels themselves have furnished the most convincing testimony. Now, against the common sense, and the common honesty of mankind, see with what base fustian the organ of Jeff. Davis tries to throw doubt upon the powers, and infamy upon the character of President Lincoln. The following, italics and all, is from the *Times* of yesterday:

> *Is there any man in his sober senses who can in so silly as to believe, or might there to be any so dishonest as to assert, that the wise and prudent framers of the constitution ever confined the executive powers so as to place it either within the will or military authority of the President to "proclaim" among twelve hundred millions of dollars' worth of private property?*

But one plain answer can be given to the question, and that answer brands Abraham Lincoln as a usurper.

A lie put in the form of a question or made to take "any other shape" cannot become the truth. No language can do that. Against the mere supposition that "the wise and prudent framers of the constitution" would not put the power into the hands of the President to suppress the rebellion, the fact stands out plain as the light of the sun at noonday, that they actually did grant that power and did make it his solemn duty to enforce it. As commander-in-Chief he must use every means in his power to suppress the rebellion. The Constitution and duty to his country and his God, leave him no choice; if he believes, as he certainly does, that freeing the slaves in the rebel States tends to put down the rebellion, then he must do it.

Notice also the twaddle of the Vermont renegade about "property!" The President has "proclaimed away twelve hundred millions of dollars' worth of *private property*." Was ever impudence more glaring, effrontry more brazen! Have not these traitors forfeited all their property, negroes and all, and to use the language of an eloquent Southern man, "their infernal necks" besides? While the fields of Murfreesboro and Vicksburg are drenched in the blood of our noblest citizens, this emissary of the traitors who have slaughtered them, is prating about their "private property!" It reminds us of the Revolutionary traitor spoken of by Patrick Henry, who amid the joyous shouts of the victory, at York-town, went about hoarsely bawling, "Beef! beef!" Amid the shouts of victory, and the gloom that settles over the homes of our brothers slaughtered at Murfreesboro, Storey is shouting himself hoarse about the niggers of the rebels. *Twelve hundred millions of dollars' worth of niggers!* Private property forsooth! If our government was not the most humane, as well as the strongest government on earth, such blatant treason would meet its reward as quick as lightning could bring the order from Washington.

THE 36th ILL. VOL.—COL. GREUSEL.

This noble regiment has again won the brightest laurels on the bloody field of Murfreesboro. It is a living witness that active field service does not wear out a regiment, if its officers are men of sense and do their duty, half so fast as lying idle in the camp. It may be remembered that it was raised at Aurora, and its officers and men are all citizens of that and the neighboring counties. A writer to the *Beacon* gives the following account of its wanderings and service:

We left Camp Hammond, Aurora, Kane county, Illinois, on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 24, 1861, with 1,183 men. The regiment has been in the service fifteen months, marched 2,800 miles—630 miles by steamboat, 1,019 by railroad, and 1,361 on foot. We have done military duty in five Southern States—Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Tennessee, besides traveling extensively in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

We have been in four severe battles—Pea Ridge, March 6th, 7th, and 8th; company A, cavalry at Iuka, October, September, and the regiment at Chaplin Hill, near Perryville, Kentucky, October 8th, 1862. We had twenty-eight men and two commissioned officers killed in battle and died of their wounds. Twenty-two men have died in our regimental hospital under care of our own surgeons and nurses; sixteen have died in general and post hospitals, three have died at home while absent from the regiment on furlough, making the total deaths in the regiment from all causes since it left Aurora, sixty-nine.

And again, at the fearful struggle of Murfreesboro, this splendid regiment, side by side with our own 88th, (Second Board of Trade,) won immortal honor. They showed themselves among the bravest of the brave, and have earned a name which history will ever cherish.

And right here we have a word to say for their gallant Colonel, N. Greusel. His fine regiment owes much of its efficiency and success to his care and superior military knowledge and experience. From the first battle at Pea Ridge he distinguished himself, and earned then and there a Brigadier General's star. If we mistake not, he was ruled out because the list was full. He commanded for a long time the brigade of which his regiment formed a part, till just previous to the battle of Murfreesboro, when the lamented Gen. Sill was assigned to it. In every characteristic which goes to form a brave and successful officer, Col. Greusel stands pre-eminent. He has won his stars. We hope President Lincoln will at once award them.

AID AND COMFORT TO THE ENEMY.

The situation of the Copperhead portion of the Democrats at the present time is a very peculiar one. All political parties have, of course, sought support in all parts of the country; but the Democrats have always been the most successful in getting votes in the Southern States. Since the dissolution of the Whig party, in 1854, nearly all of the slave States have been Democratic. South Carolina always was. Acting in concert, politically, with the most ultra slaveholders, it became necessary for Northern Democrats to say nothing against slavery, to denounce those who did, and to become its apologists, if not its defenders. If their Southern allies threatened rebellion, they could not reprove them, but need this very traitorous and rebellious threat for the purpose of obtaining Northern votes. They have been in this position for many years, and their editors, orators, and prominent men had become committed over and over again. At the last Presidential election, the Democrats and all the slaveholders were opposed to the party now in power, and of course were chagrined at the issue. Speaking politically, the Administration party was their enemy and the slaveholders their allies in the contest. When the taking of Sumter was flashed through the country, the whole North, Democrats and all, were aroused as one man, and for the moment party was forgotten. But as time passed along, the Democratic organization still continuing, their editors still compelled to write for their party, and local elections, with their prizes at office, still recurring, to secure which a party rallying cry was necessary, the Democrats settled back into their old tried battle of thought and action. Since the organization of the government, although extreme party spirit may have been injurious, yet there was no time before when it endangered the very existence of the nation; but this now would be the result were it to come to an end, as no sane man will deny. The main mission of the present Administration is to put down the rebellion—so much so, that for the sake of the argument it may be considered the only one. All opposition to the Administration then is opposition to putting down the rebellion. The rebels oppose it by arms, and by denunciation or argument; the Northern Democrats in the same way, except the arms. The London *Times* does not speak more disparagingly of our cause, or denounce the Administration more severely than do the Democratic editors; nor does Jeff. Davis complain more bitterly of the proclamation than they do. The rebels are seeking to induce foreign nations to make war upon us and destroy us; and the bogus Democrats, unwittingly perhaps, are aiding in the same thing. The rebels are seeking to divide us, and proposed in their Congress to make an alliance with the Northwestern States, and the Democrats, by throwing out slurs against New England, are aiding in this very attempt. Our Government is a people's Government. The Administration can do nothing without the confidence and support of the people. The Democrats are working incessantly to undermine this support. Are they not committing suicide? Can they not see that a crisis exists where patriotism must take the place of partisanship, or all will be lost?

GOVERNOR RAMSEY.

Alexander Ramsey was elected United States Senator by the Legislature of Minnesota on Wednesday last. Without making any comparisons to the disparagement of the other candidates, it is simply just to Gov. Ramsey, to say that it will be a source of congratulation to the whole country that a gentleman so eminent for his patriotic devotion to principle, so able, so wise, and so good a man has been chosen to represent the noble young State of Minnesota in the council halls of the nation. He is one of those men whom the country in her darkest hours can rely with the most confiding confidence. He at least will never desert her.

☞ Estimating the present issues of the banks at $200,000,000 and the profits on circulation at six per cent., and we find that the bankers' profits on their debts amount to $12,000,000 per annum. This profit constitutes their reasons against discontinuing the system. They are strong ones, it must be confessed. But look at the "reasons" pecuniary that may be adduced on the other side: In consequence of an excessive issue of paper currency by the banks and the government, gold has advanced to 148 per cent. In other words, a paper dollar, whether issued by the banks or government, is at this moment worth but sixty-eight cents in coin or property. The present currency of the country exceeds $400,000,000, and on which the people have suffered a loss of thirty-two cents on each dollar, or $128,000,000 in the aggregate, and every further fall of one per cent. is a dead loss of $4,000,000 more. In order, therefore, that a class of persons with especial privileges may draw from the people $12,000,000 of interest on their due bills, called bank notes, the public is obliged to suffer the tremendous loss of $128,000,000 on the circulating medium. If the $900,000,000 of bank notes were retired within the next thirty days, and no more greenbacks were emitted, gold would go down almost, if not entirely, to par. In other words, the legal tender notes would rise in value until they approached the gold standard. It is true the special privilege gentlemen would lose some of their gains, but the people would recover $128,000,000 of their money. Why does Congress hesitate to impose a tax on bank issues? Which do they represent, the shinplaster shops or the people?

"Arbitrary Arrests."

The Grand Jury of the Court of Oyer and Terminer in New York, during its December term, had the subject of "arbitrary arrests" by the National Administration before it, but immediately dismissed in the case under consideration. For a third time these arrests were brought before the Grand Jury, under the charge of Judge McCunn, on Monday last. Judge McCunn, we are happy to say, although a staunch Democrat, took very independent and logical ground upon the subject. He is opposed to bringing it up in this manner and in "these times of trouble and of heated political passions." He reminded the grand jurors that they could only indict public officers for offences which are alleged to have been committed within the limits of the jurisdiction of that court; and if the offense was not committed here, no indictment could be found at all. He, moreover, advocated giving such cases the widest latitude of a preliminary examination before a proper tribunal, so that the accused might have the benefit of confronting the witnesses against him, and the privilege of cross-examining them, before being compelled to meet them at the bar of a criminal court.

Endorsing the Proclamation.

The citizens of Polo, Ogle county, held an enthusiastic meeting, on the evening of the 8th, to endorse the President's proclamation of freedom. The Presbyterian church, the largest in town, was filled to overflowing. F. G. Petrie, esq., presided, and J. C. Brown and E. D. Cornell acted as Vice Presidents. Mr. S. M. Slade offered a series of resolutions, fully endorsing the President's proclamation, which we regret we have not room for. The meeting was most ably addressed by Hon. J. V. Eustace of Dixon, and an excellent choir gave some fine music. A collection, amounting to seventy-five dollars was taken up for the patriotic "boys" in the army.

An "Arbitrary Arrest in Richmond."

—A Tennessee Baptist clergyman named Graves, recently made an extended tour to the North, and then returned to Richmond where he very innocently supposed there would be no harm in publishing the results of his observations. He accordingly did so. His statements were calculated to show that there was no danger of secession and final separation, and that the resources, energy and determination of the North would in the end, notwithstanding present appearances, prove too much for the South. For this he was arrested and sent to prison. So it appears that a man must keep his opinions to himself in Richmond if they are unfavorable to the final success of the rebellion. Davis is unwilling that his dupes should know the truth.

☞ The Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser* says it is currently believed in that vicinity that the famous guerilla chief, Morgan, is none other than a fellow named Timothy Fuller, who formerly lived in Erie county, Penn., and was sent thence to the penitentiary for cattle stealing. After serving out his time he went to Kentucky, and changed his name to Morgan. He is in congenial business now.

☞ Cutler, the Independent Democrat elected by the Republicans to the Legislature from Albany county, persistently votes for Dean, the Democratic candidate for Speaker, thereby making a tie and preventing the organization of the House. To show that he misrepresents his constituents we publish the vote of his district, viz: Wadsworth, 2,938; Seymour, 2,336.

☞ Gunpowder made of paper is the latest novelty. A letter from Copenhagen says that the Royal Artillery Board of Denmark has just made successful experiments with the new material. Common packing paper was in the course of ten or fifteen minutes transformed into a very powerful kind of gunpowder, and a number of shots were fired with it.

☞ Parson Brownlow addressed the workingmen of Louisville, Ky., last evening. He has also been invited by distinguished members of the Kentucky Legislature to deliver an address in Frankfort, to which he has assented.

☞ In the Jefferson county (Ky.) Circuit Court, on Monday, the case of Gen. Jefferson C. Davis for manslaughter, in killing Gen. Nelson) was continued until the next term.

☞ The statement that Col. Blake, of the 9th Indiana, was killed at the battle of Murfreesboro, is a mistake. He was not hurt. This we have from the Lieut. Col. of the regiment.

Battle of Parker's Cross Roads.

The following is a list of casualties to the 7th Wisconsin regiment in the battle of Parker's Cross Roads, Dec. 31, 1862:

Company A—Killed, Sergt. Edward Marston; Sergt. Alfred A. Bowman; Corp. Lewis Cook; Privates Albert Wormuth—Lieut. Samuel Hays, in hip; Corp. John Grabow, in arm; Privates Lewis Conklin, shoulder; Charles Hilliard, head; B. F. Bartlit, leg; Andrew J. Wright, leg; Charles Bromley, chest; Orville Austin, leg.

Company C—Killed, Corporal Charles Wheeler; Privates Thomas Hall, Thomas Hughes, Thomas Williams, Wounded—Privates H. Baldwin, William Chandler, John Kline, Charles Osborn, Orpheus Peppers.

Lieut. C. E. Greene, Com'd'g Battery.

VALLANDIGHAM ON THE UNION.

How He Would go to Work to Restore the Union.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14, 1863.

[The following portion of our Washington special dispatch of Wednesday evening came to hand too late for our last issue. Speaking of the important discussion in the House on that day, our reporter proceeds:]

As no debate of such significance has occurred for a long time, and as a wrong report went West, or one likely to be too meagre to be satisfactory, it is thought worth the heavy expense of transmitting very full abstracts by special dispatch. The following is a full, faithful synopsis of Vallandigham's very remarkable speech, delivered to-day.

After reviewing briefly the efforts to compromise at the session of 1860-61, and the beginning of the war, and the scenes that followed, his own position and the failure of the war, he next proceeded to consider the question—"Can the Union of these States be yet restored, and how can it be done?" He maintained that no union was not only possible, but inevitable, unless defeated by the deliberate folly and wickedness of the public men and the people. He argued the question at length, from history, citing many examples. He insisted that physical causes all tended to that. There was no radical difference in the white race here to prevent it; that all the original causes which led to union—common descent, consanguinity, language, manners, laws, defenses, interest and the domestic tranquility, all existed in full force yet. Some of them were much stronger now than at first, and further that artificial causes had sprung up since—works of improvement, multiplying travel, trade, migration and intercourse—and certain less material but equally strong ties—common history, national republican songs, battle fields. He maintained also that the causes which led to disunion were not eternal and inexorable, and were weaker than those which tended to reunion; that slavery was not the cause, but only the development of the principle of nationality; that there is no irrepressible conflict between slave labor and free labor, the slaveholding and the non-slaveholding States; that the fundamental idea of the Constitution is the perpetual and eternal compatibility of a union of States, part slave and part free; and that such a union was in fact the strongest of all popular governments. He contended that nothing keeps us apart now excepting hate, antagonism and revenge, and that war heats these passions worse times hotter, and that while it lasts, reunion cannot commence. He insisted that prejudices should be encountered and fought down, and that reason should control. He explained the origin of the sectional parties of the North and South, tracing them to difference of manners, habits and social life, and different ideas of religion, morals and property, and the prevalence of society and of the Union. He referred to Roger Williams as the founder of a New England civilization, and of the founders of the Mayflower and Plymouth Rock. He next maintained that New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania could not separate from the South, nor the South from the North. He spoke of the geographic ties which bound them together, and that the Northwest would not separate from the South, and that the war which divided the slaveholding from the non-slaveholding States would decree the eternal divorce of the two. He proved a saying of the sacred that there was no cause for controversy, except slavery, and that the agitation of that subject was a political element, must cease. We must return to the old constitutional and actual base of fifty years ago—the three-fifths rule—speedy and timely render of fugitive slaves—no more agitation, and the transit and the temporary sojourning of masters with their slaves in the States. This could be carried; and then Union, and whoever was not willing to pay it must finally declare for separation—disunion. He argued that the South by secession had gained as much as we in a reunion. He spoke of the terms of slavery on the old basis, and the way to effect a reunion, referring to the almost exact similarity of the two Constitutions—Federal and Confederate—and of the impossibility of keeping up two such governments, with a national frontier. He said the only difficulty in the way of reunion was a want of the will to reunite, and the military experiment had been tried long enough, and failed. Michigan in that if the country was really tired of the war and thought

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